

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1045  
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Floyd B. Neill.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Floyd B. Neill; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Neill was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born February 21, 1925, in Hardin County, Mr. Neill was the son of the late Dewey Neill and the late Cornelius Solomon Neill; a lifelong resident of Hardin and Fayette County, he was educated in the Hardin County public school system; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Floyd Neill served his country with great honor and distinction during World War II from 1945 to 1948; he was a proud veteran of the 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neill and his family moved to Fayette Country in 1951, where he was employed as a line superintendent for the Chickasaw Electric Cooperative; he served in this capacity for thirty-five years, until his much-deserved retirement in 1987, having earned the respect of his colleagues and the community alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Floyd Neill distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest ability and integrity, leaving behind an indelible legacy of education, respect, and commitment to the people of Fayette County, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest precepts of community service, Mr. Neill was a longtime Mason, and in recent years was the recipient of a fifty-year membership certificate in the Somerville Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his dry sense of humor, his colorful personality, and his delight in the company of other people, Floyd Neill was a familiar figure in the Somerville and Fayette County areas as he visited with his many friends and attended horse and cattle shows and other public events; he enjoyed music, nature, and outdoor activities, especially supporting his children and grandchildren in their sports and school events; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Baptist faith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neill was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he will be remembered by those who knew him best as a person who touched the lives of many in his community, and as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, by his passing, Floyd Neill is reunited with his twin son, Donnie Neill; his parents; and a twin brother and two sisters; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, the former Nell Shutt; his children, Janie Harris and husband, Tommy; Debbie Sue Neill; Ronnie Neill and wife, Carol; daughter-in-law, Debbie Neill; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Jo Blackwelder and Maedell Russell; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Floyd B. Neill, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends and colleagues of Floyd B. Neill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.